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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on February 23, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the abstract and to the claims are not in strict compliance with the revised version of 37 CFR 1.121(c) effective July 30, 2003.

More particularly, amendments to the specification, including the abstract, **MUST** be made by presenting a replacement paragraph or abstract **marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version** (i.e. the originally filed abstract in this instance). An accompanying clean version is **not** required and should **not** be presented. Applicant's reply filed on February 23, 2004 only presents a clean copy of the abstract with **no** markings to show what changes have been made thereto by the amendment.

Also more particularly, the changes in the specification (including the abstract) and in the claims made by amendment **MUST** indicate deletions of five characters or fewer *using DOUBLE BRACKETS if strikethrough cannot be perceived easily* (i.e., deletions of words such as "a", "an", "is" in claims 4, 5, and 6 and other occurrences in the claims listing of the abovementioned amendment).

Replacement amendments to the abstract and to the claims are required in response to this Office communication.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Cirim, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925.

While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Cirim may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel, can be reached on (703) 308-1272.

The NEW central official fax phone number is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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